Imprevemnt in the quality of Construction by the DDA

1442. SHRIMATI KRDSHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has initiated any measures for improving the qua lity of its constructions; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Development Authority has reported that the following steps have been taken in this regard:—

"In respect of materials available with ISI mark, it is being ensured that these are used on the works of DDA. Important materials like cement, steel, SCI pipe, GI pipes etc. of the required quality are pro-cured departmentally by the DDA and issued to the contractors. Instructions have been issued to the field staff to ensure that works are carried out strictly according to specifications. Mandatory tests are carried out on materials brought to the site of work. For concrete work, cube tests are carried out. Under each Chief Engineer, a Quality Control Cell has been created to help him in conducting checking of work under his zone. An independent Quality Control Cell headed by a Chief Engineer (QC) works directly under the Vice-Chairman and conducts randum and surprise checks of various works. Defects noticed during these inspections are prominently brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer concerned and site staff so that immediate remedial measures are undertaken. In some cases, the works are reinspec-ted to ensure that rectifications have been carried ou*. Where considered necessary action is initiated sible for executing poor quality ol works."

Action against DDA Official for sub-standard work

1443. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has taken any action against some engineers and other officials for sub-standard work-on the basis of the recommendations of its Quality Control Cell;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINTSTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority have initiated Departmental proceedings against 75 Engineering Officials on the basis of the observations/recommendations of its Quality Control Cell.

63 Engineering Officials have been proceeded against for major penalty and the remaining twelve for minor penalty.

(c) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Foodgrains recovered from black marketeers

1444. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of edible oil, foodgrains and other essential commodities which were recovered from black marketeers during the year 1987 with costs thereof;

(b) what is the impugned action taken itirainst Unem: and